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Dear Friend:

I guess you will be surprised to receive a letter from me at this time, then again I wonder if you will be. I have been thinking of writing you for some time, but just couldn't get in the frame of mind to do it. Then I decided if I was going to write this particular letter, and didn't do it soon, there would not be any sense in writing at all.

I hardly know how to start it. I wish some one else could have been the one to speak first. I realize any thing in this baseball coming from me starts out with two strikes on it. However I cannot sit by any longer and not at least make an effort to protect myself where I feel I am being taken such undue advantage of. I am thinking of Mexico and South America taking our ballplayers from us. We have a vested right in these men, and should be paid for them. I am sure the culpable parties could be made by law to pay for these men, but I do not think the matter would have to be taken to law. At least there should be an effort made to contact these men and see if they would not willingly pay us. I understand most all the men involved, are very wealthy. I should think they would welcome an opportunity to have us operating as high class farms for them. That is all we really are. There is so much harm being done, so much destruction being wrought, that it is very possible if these men were informed of the true state of affairs they would be glad to cooperate on a sensible practical program, whereby we could develop players for them, and no one would be hurt.

My suggestion would be to have each league member put up \$100.00, send it to you or me or some one in whom they have confidence, to retain a high class lawyer, who is a race man, and interested in Negro Baseball, to begin at once negotiations with the proper parties.

Do you think the effort should be made? Do you think others will agree? Will you present it to them, as soon as possible. I hope you are feeling well. Abe and I are fine.

Very Truly Yours